

**CHARLES TAYLOR MASTER  
MECHANIC'S AWARD**

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**BERNARD L. SHERWOOD**



**SHERWOOD, BERNARD L.**

**(Bernie).** Bernie was born on June 19, 1913. In 1938, Bernie joined Pan American Airways (PAA) as an apprentice learning skills in diesel and aircraft maintenance. In 1941, he was transferred to Pan Africa Ltd. As an aircraft and diesel mechanic and set up power plants across Africa for the Lend-Lease route through the back door to Europe. In 1943, Bernie went back to PAA in Miami where he earned his mechanics license, with aircraft and engine ratings, issued January 29, 1944. In 1952, he retired from PAA and moved to eastern Oregon with his wife and children.

They moved to Fairbanks in 1955, when Bernie began working for Wien Airlines. He was often called out to remote areas to oversee and perform aircraft repairs. Safety was always foremost in his work, occasionally causing him to ground planes - not always a popular decision. In the late 1970's, after Wien merged with Northern Consolidated, all maintenance was

moved to Anchorage. With it went Bernie as senior inspector but he commuted back and forth on the weekends to visit his family in Fairbanks. Bernie retired from Wien in 1983 after a long, rewarding and adventuresome career in aviation.